

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 5521—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2007.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5517–S5608*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3457–3476, S. Res. 503–504, and S. Con. Res. 97. **Pages S5598–99**

#### Measures Passed:

**Relative to the Government of Libya:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 504, expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should not accept the credentials of any representative of the Government of Libya without the expressed understanding that the Government of Libya will continue to work in good faith to resolve outstanding cases of United States victims of terrorism sponsored or supported by Libya, including the settlement of cases arising from the Pan Am Flight 103 and LaBelle Discotheque bombings. **Page S5607**

**Ethics in Government Act Amendment:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4311, to amend section 105(b)(3) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App), and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S5607–08**

Sessions (for Collins) Amendment No. 4193, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5608**

**Marriage Protection Amendment:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage. **Pages S5517–34**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 163), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5534**

**Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent. **Pages S5534–54**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill following the remarks of the Majority Leader on Thursday, June 8, 2006; that there be one hour equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees, for debate, with ten minutes of the Democratic time reserved for Senator Durbin, and ten minutes reserved for Senator Dorgan; provided further, that the last 20 minutes be reserved for the Democratic Leader, to be followed by the Majority Leader, and that the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; provided further, that regardless of the outcome of the vote, Senators Roberts and Clinton be recognized to speak, as if in morning business, for up to 25 minutes equally divided. **Page S5591**

**Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. **Pages S5554–91**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill following the debate on H.R. 8 (listed above); that the time until 12:45 p.m. be equally divided between the Majority and Democratic Leaders, or their designees; that the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147 at 12:45 p.m.; provided further, that if cloture is not

invoked on both of the motions to proceed, the Senate then proceed to executive session and begin en bloc consideration of the nominations of Noel Lawrence Hillman, and Peter G. Sheridan, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Thomas L. Ludington, and Sean F. Cox, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan; that there be 10 minutes of debate for Senators Lautenberg, Menendez, and Stabenow, respectively; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, but no earlier than 2 p.m., Senate begin consecutive votes on confirmation of the nominations, as listed; provided further, that following those votes, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Susan C. Schwab, of Maryland, to be United States Trade Representative; that there be up to 85 minutes of debate reserved for the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, and Senators Dorgan and Conrad; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, that all time after the convening of the Senate on Thursday, June 8, 2006, be counted against the 30 hours provided under Rule XXII, and that H.R. 8 not be displaced if the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147 is agreed to; and that regardless of the outcome on the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, if cloture has been invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8, then the Senate resume debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 8; provided further, that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 147, Senate begin consideration of the bill under the provisions of Rule XXII upon the disposition of H.R. 8.

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**Stickler—Nomination:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard Stickler, of West Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, June 9, 2006.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Gregory Kent Frizzell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5607**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—163) **Page S5534**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 8, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5608.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine agricultural conservation programs in Title II of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–171), after receiving testimony from Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and John A. Johnson, Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Farm Service Agency, both of the Department of Agriculture; James Earl Kennamer, National Wild Turkey Federation, Edgefield, South Carolina; Olin Sims, Sims Cattle Company, McFadden, Wyoming, on behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts; James O. Andrew, Andrew Farms, Jefferson, Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa Soybean Association; and Randall Spronk, Edgerton, Minnesota, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council.

### 2006 HURRICANE SEASON

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the 2006 hurricane season, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Louis W. Uccellini, Director, National Weather Service, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, both of the Department of Commerce.